

9 DEAD, 200 HURT IN EXPLOSION

Dynamite and Gas Wreck New
York Power House.

MANY BUILDINGS DAMAGED

Street Car Was Hurl'd Upon Auto-
mobile, Crushing Out the Lives of
Four—1000 Shaken Up by Detona-
tion.

Nine persons lost their lives, 200 oth-
ers were injured, many of them not
seriously, and 1000 or more were shaken
up in New York in an explosion of
car lighting gas tanks and dynamite.

The explosion occurred in the new
six-story power station of the New
York Central railroad under course of
construction at Fifth street and Lex-
ington avenue. The power house took
fire after the explosion and the in-
terior was practically burned out.

On a technical charge of homicide
the police took into custody Albert
Segaratt, motorman of a train which
bumped into and broke one of the gas
pipes near the sub-station. This ac-
cident is blamed by New York Central
officials for the explosion.

Segaratt said he tried to stop the
train with his brakes and reversing
levers, but could not do so. The explo-
sion occurred twenty-seven minutes af-
terward.

The dynamite explosion picked up a
northbound trolley car, carrying about
a dozen high school students, lifted it
in the air and sent it crashing down
upon an automobile which was passing
along the other side of the street. Four
of the passengers were killed and ev-
eryone in the car was injured. One of
the passengers killed was a woman.

What became of the chauffeur and
occupants of the automobile, if any,
could not be determined. The body of
a man found on the sidewalk nearby
was believed to be that of the chauff-
eur.

Ceilings and windows in hospitals,
schools and apartment houses for
many squares about were shattered
by the explosion, which caused in-
numerable minor hurts of workmen
and persons in the affected territory.

Fire Chief Croker says that in his
opinion the first explosion was that of
lighting gas and the second explosion
that of a hundred weight of dynamite
that lay within fifty feet of the gas
tank.

The windows of all the buildings
overlooking the excavation were shat-
tered; walls were smoke-blackened,
and in many cases cracked and riven;
a cloud of smoke hung over the scene;
bodies were scattered here and there,
and there was the incessant clatter of
ambulance gongs. The Grand Central
cut looked as if a battle had been
fought in it.

Clamoring hundreds besieged the
Fifty-first street police station, where
the dead were taken. There were many
piteous scenes as the identifications
were made. The police had all they
could do to calm anxious mothers,
wives and relations of persons who
were thought to have been in the vic-
inity at the time of the disaster.

Fortunately for the thousands of
commuters on the New York Central
lines, the force of the dynamite blast
was directed in an opposite direction
from the railroad tracks, otherwise the
loaded incoming trains might have
been wrecked.

The damage to the power house and
other buildings has not been estimat-
ed, but it was stated that it will likely
exceed \$500,000.

Toomey, a patrolman, was on Lex-
ington avenue when the shock came.
Just ahead of him a girl was killed,
one of her legs being blown off, while
Toomey himself was blown across the
street and his uniform almost com-
pletely torn from him. He got up and
was starting to help in the rescue
work, when he fell unconscious.

A gang of more than fifty bricklay-
ers, sixty feet in the air on the big
power building near the scene of the
explosion, had a remarkable escape
from death or serious injury. An air
cushion, formed by the explosion be-
low, hoisted up the big scaffold on
which they were working, tilted in-
wardly and tossed the men over the
wall they were building and upon a
firm scaffolding on the inside. Only one
man of the gang was injured and he
only slightly.

One woman in the wrecked trolley
car had her hair caught and held in a
firm grip between jammed portions of
the wreckage. She had fainted and
could not be lifted out. Hoffman, a fire-
man, took his penknife and while a
fellow fireman adjusted the hair so
that the woman would be caused the
least possible pain. Hoffman hacked off
the coil. The woman was released and
taken to a hospital, where she was
found to be only slightly hurt. The
long coil of hair is at the fire house
awaiting its owner.

A little school girl was about to en-
ter a candy store on Fifty-first street
when the blast came. She was picked
up bodily and carried through the
plate glass door of the store and drop-
ped uninjured in front of the candy
counter. There was not a scratch on
her.

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sale 11.50
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sale 12.50
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